

**COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT**

When a child is available for adoption, efforts must be made to achieve permanency for the child as quickly as possible with a family that best meets the needs of the child. All decisions regarding the family who is recommended for consent to adopt must be based on a comprehensive assessment as documented in the BCAL-3130, Initial Foster Home/Adoption Evaluation (see ADM 0510) and DHS-612, Adoptive Family Assessment Addendum. All factors that address the child's best interest criteria reflected in the DHS-1927, Child Adoption Assessment (see ADM 0300) must be included. Family selection decisions must be documented in the DHS-612, Adoptive Family Assessment Addendum.

**Adoption
Application**

Persons who wish to be considered for adoptive placement of a specific child under the supervision of the Department of Human Services (DHS) will be considered in the adoptive family selection process following the receipt of an DHS-3153-A, Adoption Application.

Consideration for the adoption of a specific child means that the child's adoption worker will explore the child's relationship with relatives and other families who have a history with the child and/or a relationship that is significant to the child. Consideration does not mean that a full adoptive family assessment will be completed.

**Specific Child
Adoption**

A family may receive preliminary approval for adoption through the approval of the BCAL-3130. When considering the adoption of a specific child, factors that are identified as important issues in the DHS-1927, Child Adoption Assessment, must be addressed in the DHS-612, Adoptive Family Assessment Addendum.

Progress Report

Applicants must be informed of the progress of the adoptive family selection process and the options available to them if consent is denied; see ADM 0870.